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SUBJECT: FRENCH RESTAURANT OWNERS EXPELLED

1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS SERVICE HAS ANNOUNCED THE EXPULSION FROM SEYCHELLES OF A FRENCH COUPLE WHO OWN A HOTEL AND RESTAURANT COMPLEX ON MAHE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATED THAT REASON FOR EXPULSION WAS "PERSONAL" AND CONCERNED COUPLE'S REFUSAL TO ANSWER ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AGAINST THEM. THE ANNOUNCEMENT FURTHER STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT START OF SERIES OF EXPULSION ORDERS. "ALL FOREIGNERS," IT SAID, "WISHING TO COME TO SEYCHELLES ARE WELCOME AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE WELCOMED. FUNDS INVESTED IN SEYCHELLES WILL BE SAFE-GUARDED FOR ALWAYS WITHOUT ANY DISTINCTION AS TO NATIONALITY."
2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, EXPULSIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CREATED ALARM IN EXPATRIATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. INDEED, THIS IS FIRST TIME GOVERNMENT HAS MADE GENERAL STATEMENT ON STATUS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS HERE SINCE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF COUP, AND THE BUSINESSMEN COULD HAVE NOT ASKED FOR MORE.
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